

Pioneer, Southfield win track titles

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Ann Arbor Pioneer showed why it is the defending Class A state girls track champion by racking up 99 points to win the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday at West Bloomfield High.

The Pioneers scored 99 points. Pontiac Central and Rochester Adams tied for second with 39 points and was followed by Pontiac Northern (38) and Detroit Country Day (36).

In the boys' meet, Southfield won the team crown with 78 points.

Pioneer's triumph was not as surprising as the two Pontiac schools' performances.

Ravaged by the pay-for-play program and budget cuts, each team fields only about 14 athletes.

Nevertheless, they made their presence known.

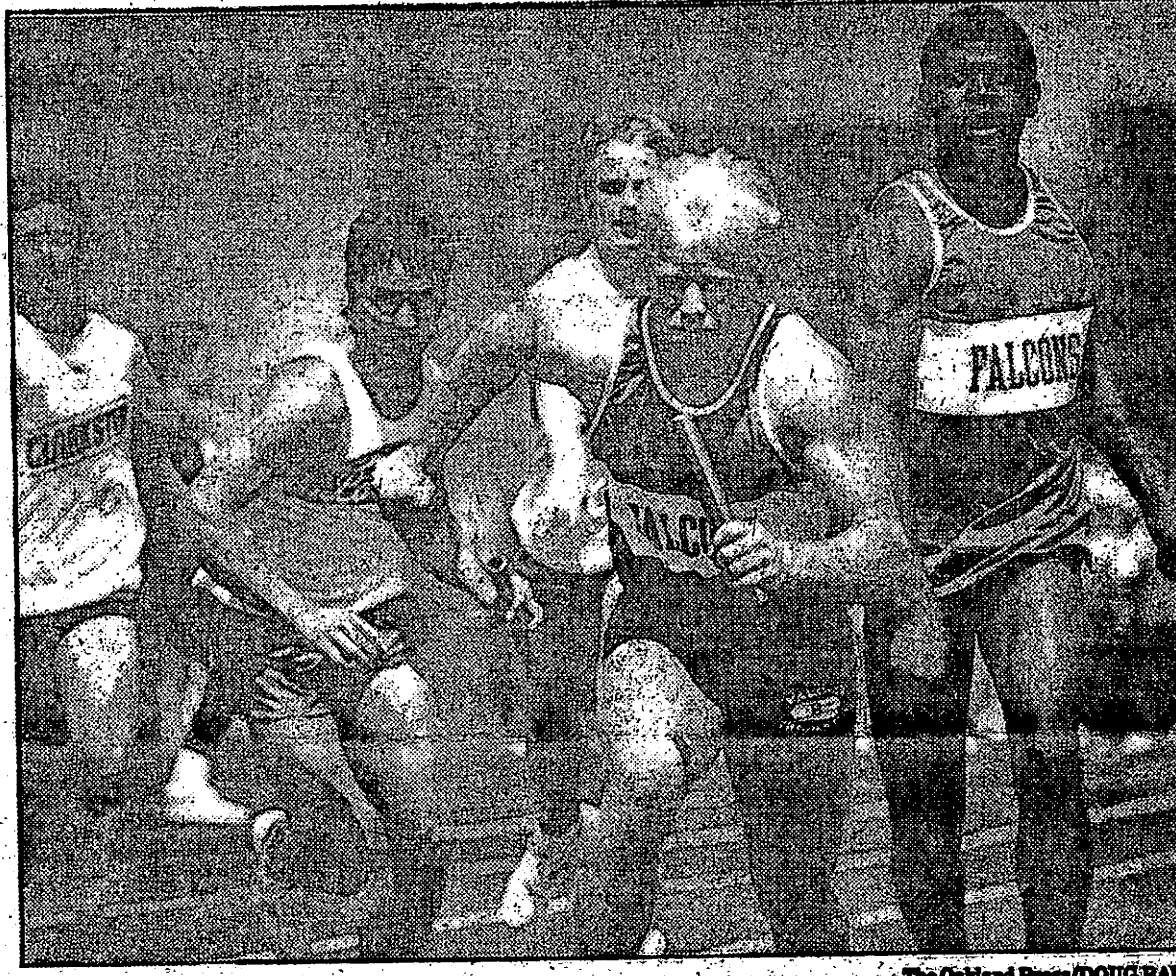
Pontiac Northern's Lisa Miles won the shot put (34-8) and discus (109-2) and ran a leg on the Huskies' second-place shuttle hurdle relay team along with Felecia Brooks, who was third in the 300-meter hurdles (48.4).

Central's Jerlene McDougal anchored the Chiefs' victorious shuttle hurdle relay, tied for second in the high jump and took third in the long jump. Teammate Angela Williams contributed a strong anchor leg on the Chiefs' winning sprint medley relay squad and third-place 1600-meter relay.

"I feel good about it," said Central coach Irv Speaks. "We're young and inexperienced. I think with Northern and Central coming out here and doing as well under the circumstances is good."

"I'm satisfied with today's performances," said Northern coach Jimmie King, "but we can't be happy with them. We've got to keep working hard."

Adams notched most of its points on the strength of All-State hurdler Karen Spiers, who out-dueled Country Day's Peggy



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Rochester's Shane Camera grimaces after taking the baton from Kevin Caldwell

Evans in the 100-meter hurdles (15.2) and blitzed the field in the 300-meter hurdles in a county-best 45.6.

West Bloomfield's quartet of Amira Danforth, Maureen Reed, Tracy Abbott and Stacy Abbott lowered its county-best time in the 3200-meter relay by more than 10 seconds in winning the event in 9:46. Pioneer, the defending Class A state champion in the event, finished some 10 seconds behind.

Country Day's Shirley Evans won the 100-meter dash (12.2) and ran a leg on the Yellow-jackets' fourth-place 1600-meter relay team.

Southfield's sprint and hurdle corps overpowered some 30 boys teams at the meet.

Southfield won the 400-, 800- and 1600-meter relays in addition to the shuttle hurdle relay. Jeff Reynolds ran legs on each relay and Cassidy Wright won the 110-meter hurdles (15.1) and ran on the 1600-meter relay.

Wayne Memorial was second with 68 and Detroit Mumford took third with 62. Brother Rice was sixth with 29 points.

The Bluejays' clocked county bests in the 800 (1:28.9) and 1600 (3:21.9) relays.

Brother Rice's John Collins won the discus with a county-best

165-8 toss. Orchard Lake Mary's finished 10th with points as Joe Jefferson won long jump (21-11½) and ran on the Eagles' fifth-place sprint medley. Teammate Tim Topski was fifth in the 3200-meter run.

■ At the Port Huron Relay Troy won the 400-meter relay 44.5 and finished second in team standings.

■ At the Bishop Foley Relay Avondale's girls took four of the 880-yard relay (D. Aarons, Mary High, E. Jones, Shannon Riggs) and Yellow Jackets were second in the shot put and discus relay